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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 64th and 65th meetings, on 20 and 21 May 1992, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (A/46/900) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/904).

3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/46/SR.64 and 65).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.24

4. At the 65th meeting, on 21 May 1992, the representative of Spain introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador" (A/C.5/46/L.24).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 7).

6. The representatives of Portugal, on behalf of the 12 member States of the European Community, and the United Kingdom made statements in explanation of position.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992, by which the Council decided to enlarge and extend the mandate of the Mission until 31 October 1992 to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements signed in Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN),

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States that are permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

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1/ A/46/900.

2/ A/46/904.

1. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions under paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 of the present resolution;

2. Takes note that the payment of assessed contributions since 31 March 1992 has reduced the outstanding assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

4. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 39,000,000 United States dollars gross (37,000,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10.000,000 dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, under the terms of Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, for the operation of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador for the period from 1 January to 31 October 1992;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly on anomalies in the allocation of countries to the four groups contained in General Assembly resolution 43/232, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B, 45/269 and 46/198 A and applied as an ad hoc arrangement to the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, taking into account Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973;

7. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,000,000 dollars approved for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador;

8. Decides that 2,000,000 dollars of the unencumbered balance of appropriation should be retained in the Special Account and that the balance of 1,347,700 dollars should be set off against the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution;

3/ See resolution 46/221 A.

9. Decides also, in principle, that the accounts for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador should be merged;

10. Decides further to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted for these Member States during the forty-seventh session;

11. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 10 of the present resolution to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador".